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In re Application of: Lieven Stuyver

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 1, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including December 1, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0030.PCUS00 for a one-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason

relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0030.PCUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

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